

REMARKS

Applicant certainly appreciates the allowance of Claims 8-12. Claims 1-7 have been canceled to permit the issuance of a Notice of Allowance for Claims 8-12. It is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance and favorable action is requested. No fee for an extension of time or other fees are believed to be required. However, in the event that one or more fees are required, please charge them to **Hitachi Global Storage Technologies' Deposit Account Number 50-2587.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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